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**KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S SPRING ELDERHOSTEL HAS OPENINGS**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 17, 2004) – The Kentucky Historical Society has commuter and residential vacancies remaining for its springtime Elderhostel program, June 13-18. The program encourages and enables participants to learn more about Kentucky and their roots in the state.

"Through workshops, lectures and scheduled library research time, as well as field trips, participants gain appreciation for Kentucky's unique history as gateway to the West," says Melba Porter Hay, division manager of research and publications for the society. The program, which is open to adults, age 55 and older, will include sessions on caring for and preserving family documents and photos, how to begin basic genealogical research, research on the Internet and how to use land grants and maps in studying family history. Research time in the library is included in the program.

Tours will be offered at the state Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, the Vietnam Memorial and the Frankfort Cemetery, as well as the Kentucky Historical Society museums at the Kentucky History Center, the Kentucky Military History Museum and the Old State Capitol.

Elderhostel was founded at the University of New Hampshire in 1975, and offers adults challenging opportunities to continue lifelong learning. For one moderate price, hostlers receive housing, meals, classes and field trips. For more information, contact Hay at (502) 564-1792, ext. 4438, or by e-mail at [melba.hay@ky.gov](mailto:melba.hay@ky.gov).

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The Kentucky Historical Society, since 1836, has provided *connections to the past, perspective on the present and inspiration for the future*. KHS operates the Old State Capitol, Kentucky Military History Museum and its five-year-old headquarters, the Kentucky History Center. Since 1999, the \$30 million History Center has welcomed almost **one million visitors**. For more information about the Kentucky Historical Society and its programs, visit the Web at <http://history.ky.gov> or call (502) 564-1792.